



Consumer Leasing Act

- Regulation M
 - consumer leases
 - more than 4 months
 - _\$25,000 contract or less



Growth of Leasing

New Cars and Light Trucks

1987

4.4%

1992

13.5

1996

25.2

1998

27.8



Who Recommended Leasing to First Timers

	<u>1993</u>	<u>1996</u>
Ads	19%	34%
Co-worker	38	24
Dealer	23	24
Other sources	20	18



Most Popular Reasons for Leasing

	<u>1994</u>	<u>1998</u>
Lower monthly payment	61%	42%
No/Low down payment	9	29
Can drive a nicer car	23	16
Better use of money	2	10



Down Payments and Trade-ins

Down payments
 (capitalized cost reduction)

Make payment 70%

Average amount \$1,925

• Have a trade-in 32%



Consumer Education Initiative

- Brochure
- Web site

http://www.federalreserve.gov/pubs/leasing



Keys to Vehicle Leasing

- Leasing is different from buying
- Consider beginning, middle, and end-of-lease costs
- You can compare lease offers and negotiate some terms
- Know your rights and responsibilities



Leasing is Different from Buying

- Ownership
- Up-front costs
- Monthly payments
- Early termination
- Vehicle return

- Future value
- Mileage
- Excess wear
- End of term



Lease or Buy Considerations

Ask yourself

- Typically, how often do you get a new vehicle?
- Do you maintain your car in good condition?
- How many miles per year do you drive?



Consider Beginning, Middle, and End-of-Lease Costs

- Acquisition fee
- First monthly payment
- Capitalized cost reduction
- Refundable security deposit
- Title, registration, & license fees
- Freight charges
- State and local taxes



Consider Beginning, Middle, and End-of-Lease Costs

- Monthly payment
- Maintenance costs
- Insurance premiums
- If applicable:
 - —Early termination charges
 - —Sales and use tax
 - —Inspections
 - —Personal property tax
 - —Late payment fees



Consider Beginning, Middle, and End-of-Lease Costs

Return

- Disposition fee
- Excess wear charges
- Excess mileage charges

Buy

- Purchase option price
- Purchase option fee (if any)



Compare Offers and Negotiate Terms

- Monthly lease payments
- End-of-lease payments
- Purchase option
- Whether gap coverage is included



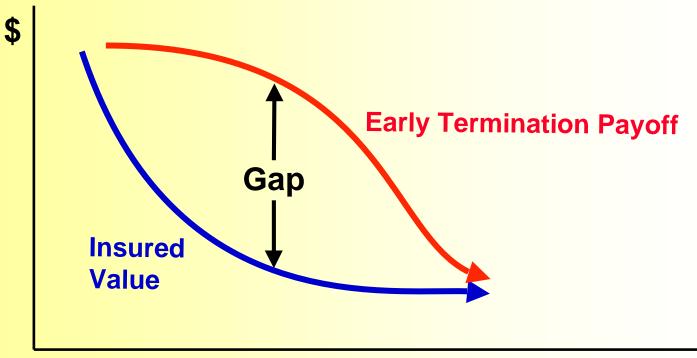
Compare Offers and Negotiate Terms

- Agreed-upon value of vehicle (price)
- Up-front payments, including capitalized cost reduction (down payment)
- Length of lease
- Mileage allowance & per-mile charges



The Gap

The difference between the insured value of the vehicle and the amount due for early termination







Know Your Rights and Responsibilities

- Use for agreed-upon number of months and miles
- Service under warranty or recalls
- Turn it in, pay any end-of-lease charges, and "walk away"
- Buy the car if you have a purchase option



Know Your Rights and Responsibilities

Returning the vehicle

- Early
 - early termination charges
- At end of lease
 - excess mileage charges, if any
 - excess wear charges, if any



A Lease's Monthly Payment

Gross cap cost

- Reductions
- = Adjusted cap cost
- Residual value
- = Depreciation
- + Rent
- = Total for calculating base monthly payments
- **:** Lease term in months
- = Base monthly payment



Gross Capitalized Cost

Agreed-upon value(Price plus freight and options)

- + Insurance that is capitalized
- + Prior loan or lease balances
- + Acquisition or documentation fee
- + ???



Capitalized Cost Reduction

Cash

- + Trade-in allowance
- + Rebates/dealer incentives

Think of capitalized cost reduction as pre-paid depreciation.



Residual Value

Assuming Residual Value = Purchase Option Price

Higher Residual

Monthly payment is lower



Purchase option price is higher 1

Lower Residual

Monthly payment is higher



Purchase option price is lower



Negotiating a higher mileage allowance will lower residual value.



Depreciation— You Pay For What You Use

Lease

Pay the stated depreciation during the lease term

\$22,300 gross cap cost

- 12,350 residual value
- = 9,950 depreciation
- ÷ 48 months
- = \$207 avg. depreciation per month

Finance

Pay the full cost during the loan term

\$22,300 cost of vehicle

÷ 48 months

= \$465 avg. cost per month



Rent Charge

- Cost of money over time (Similar to interest on a loan)
- Not an APR

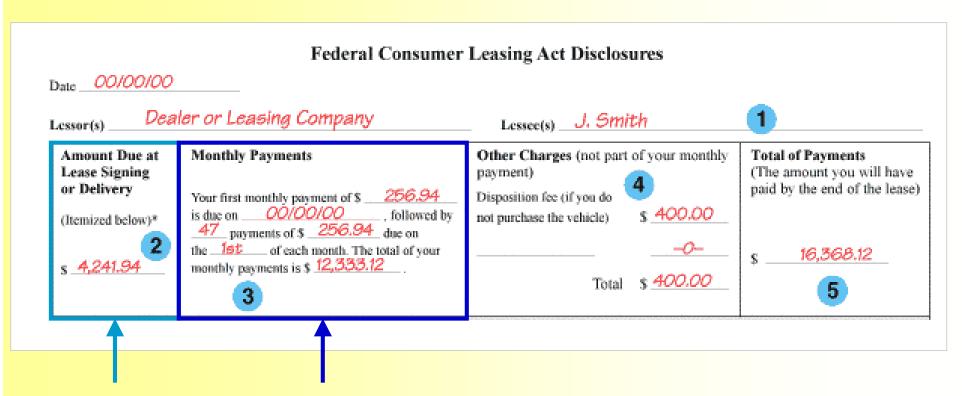


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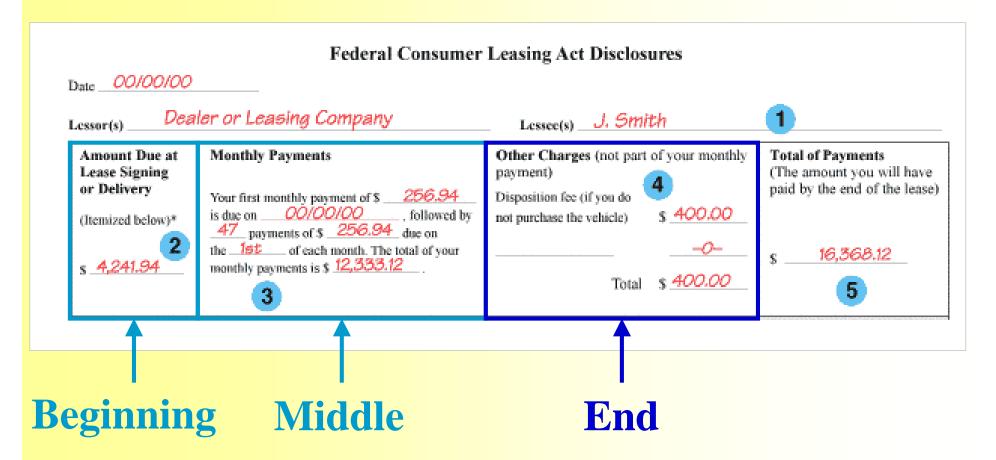
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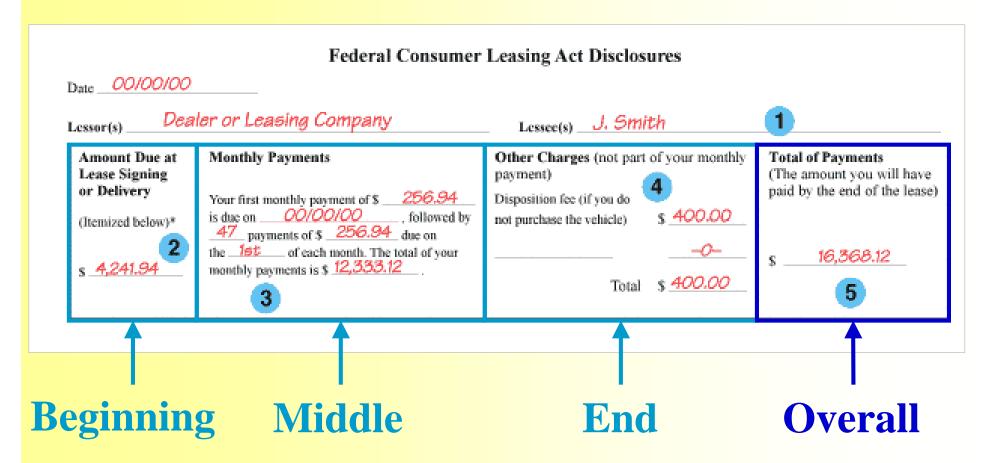
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Beginning



Beginning Middle





Amounts Due at Lease Signing Are Itemized

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Column totals should be equal

## Monthly Payment Calculation

Gross capitalized cost. The agreed upon value of the vehicle (\$ 21,500.00 ) and any items		
you pay over the lease term (such as service contracts, insurance, and any outstanding prior credit		
or lease balance)	\$ .	22,300,00
If you want an itemization of this amount, please check this box.		
Capitalized cost reduction. The amount of any net trade-in allowance, rebate, noncash credit, or cash you pay that		
reduces the gross capitalized cost		3,500.00
Adjusted capitalized cost. The amount used in calculating your base monthly payment		18,800.00
Residual value. The value of the vehicle at the end of the lease used in calculating your base monthly payment		12,350.00
Depreciation and any amortized amounts. The amount charged for the vehicle's decline in value		
through normal use and for other items paid over the lease term	. = .	6,450.00
Rent charge. The amount charged in addition to the depreciation and any amortized amounts		5,295.00
Total of base monthly payments. The depreciation and any amortized amounts plus the rent charge		11,745.00
Lease term. The number of months in your lease		48
Base monthly payment		244.68
Monthly sales/use tax	. +	12.2
		-0
Total monthly payment	= S	256.9

## Additional Disclosures

- Early Termination. You may have to pay a substantial charge if you end this lease early. The charge may be up to several thousand dollars. The actual charge will depend on when the lease is terminated. The earlier you end the lease, the greater this charge is likely to be.

Other Important Terms. See your lease documents for additional information on early termination, purchase options and maintenance responsibilities, warranties, late and default charges, insurance, and any security interest, if applicable.

- Early termination
- Excess wear and mileage
- Purchase option
- Other terms in the lease

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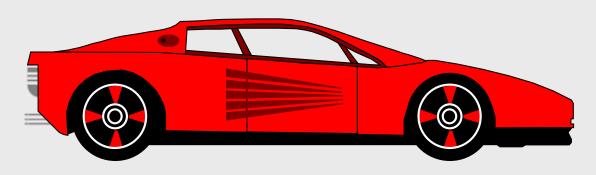
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## **Early Termination Notice**

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### Advertising



### SPARK EX Lease for \$245/month for 48 mo.

\$4,095 due at lease signing, includes security deposit excludes taxes, title, and registration fees

15,000 miles per year. Subject to credit approval



### **Beyond the Ad**

- You're responsible for ongoing license plate, inspection, and emission test fees
- Required insurance coverage may be at higher limits than you now carry
- You must follow the maintenance schedule
- You're responsible for "excess wear"



### **Lease Rate** — Advertising

#### May not be

- advertised as an "annual percentage rate" or "annual lease rate" or any equivalent term.
- more prominent than required written disclosures

#### Must state

"This percentage rate may not measure the overall cost of financing this lease"

Don't use the Lease Rate as you would use an APR to shop for the best rate on a loan.



### **Special Issues**

- Personal property taxes
- Relocation/Transfers
  - Within U.S.
  - Outside U.S.
- Flexibility in payments



## If You Have a Problem, Talk to . . .

- 1. The dealer, manufacturer, or lessor
- 2. Local consumer protection office or State Attorney General's office
- 3. Federal or Trade Commission

### Federal regulators

(if the lessor is a bank)

- Federal Reserve Board
- Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
- Office of the Comptroller of the Currency
- Office of Thrift Supervision



### Questions?

